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REMARKS

The Examiner has found claims 1, 2, 4 and 7-16 to be in condition for allowance pending correction of the drawing requirement noted in the June 20, 2001 Office Action.

Specifically, the Examiner stated that the subject matter of the application admits to drawings, yet no drawings are present in the file.

In response, applicants note that all references to drawings have been deleted by this Amendment. Applicants note that the information contained in the "Brief Description of the Figures" merely repeats information relating to the experimental details presented elsewhere in the application. Applicants maintain that the "Brief Description of the Figures" section, and the figures themselves, are not required to practice the claimed invention. Applicants maintain that the Examiner's requirement for drawing corrections under 37 C.F.R. §1.81 is now moot, and respectfully request that the Examiner allow the pending claims.

Summary

Based on the reasons set forth hereinabove, applicants respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1, 2, 4 and 7-16.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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